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In re Application of:)
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD)
AND APPARATUS FOR)
GENERATING PANORAMIC)
IMAGE) December 16, 2003

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of the relevance of non-English document "Method of Generating Image-Based Cybercites By Using Vehicle-Mounted Cameras" by T. Endo et al. is provided in the specification at page 1; of non-English document "Building Image-Based Cybercities By Using Vehicle-Mounted Cameras (2) - Generation of Wide-Range Virtual Environment by Using Photorealistic Images" by M. Hirose et al. is provided in the specification at page 1 and an English abstract attached to the non-English document; of non-English document JPA 11-168754 is provided in the specification at page 3, an

English abstract attached to the non-English document, and corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,335,754 B1.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
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A copy of the cited Application, as originally filed, is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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